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In an Information Disclosure Statement dated August 26, 2004 filed in the aboveidentified application, Applicants identified U.S. patent application serial no. 10/852,370 (published as U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0266089) (hereinafter the "Related Application") as commonly owned with the above-identified patent application, and Applicants stated that the Related Application may contain subject matter that is related to the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that prosecution in the Related Application has progressed and one or more office actions and a notice of allowance have been generated by the USPTO and one or more amendments or other responses have been filed by Applicants. The Examiner's attention is therefore directed to each element of the prosecution history of the Related Application including all office actions, amendments and other responses, and the notice of allowance. Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to all prior art cited in the Related Application and in particular to the prior art relied on in any rejections in the office actions of the Related Application. Applicants assume the Examiner has access to all of the prosecution history, including the cited prior art, of the Related Application, but Applicants will provide

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copies of all or any part of the prosecution history of or prior art from the Related Application upon request.

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